(d) if so, whether Government has taken up the matter with Chinese Government; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (e) On 11 November 2008, the spokesperson of the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs said, 'The China-India boundary has never been officially demarcated. China's position on the Eastern section of the China-India boundary is consistent and clear. No Chinese Government in the history has ever admitted McMahon Line. India knows this. When it comes to the boundary issue with India, China is ready to work with India and sit for a fair, just settlement acceptable to both the parties through peaceful and friendly negotiations on the basis of mutual understanding.'

Government's position that Arunachal Pradesh is an integral part of India has been reiterated to the Chinese side on many occasions. External Affairs Minister said on 9 November 2008, 'The Chinese side is fully aware that Arunachal Pradesh is an integral part of India.'

Government is committed to resolving outstanding differences on the boundary question, through peaceful means and in a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable manner on the basis of the 'Agreement on the Political Parameters and Guiding Principles for the Settlement of the India-China Boundary Question' signed on April 11, 2005.

Terror attack in Mumbai

†*255. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that clinching evidences of neighbouring countries, particularly Pakistan's hand in the recent gruesome terror attack on Mumbai, have been found;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the diplomatic steps being taken by Government so that Pakistan could be exposed at the International forum?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The ongoing investigations have confirmed the involvement of elements in Pakistan.

(c) The High Commissioner of Pakistan was called to the Ministry of External Affairs on 1st December 2008 and was informed that the recent terrorist attack on Mumbai was carried out by elements from Pakistan. Government expects that strong action would be taken against those elements, whosoever they may be, responsible for this outrage. It was also conveyed to the Pakistan High Commissioner that Pakistan's actions needed to match the sentiments expressed by its leadership that it wishes to have a qualitatively new relationship with India. Government has received strong international support from numerous countries in the present situation. As a

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.